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100 Bible Verses about

Greed

[1 Timothy 6:10](#) ESV / 971 helpful votes

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

[1 Timothy 6:9](#) ESV / 745 helpful votes

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

[Proverbs 28:25](#) ESV / 693 helpful votes

A greedy man stirs up strife, but the one who trusts in the LORD will be enriched.

[Hebrews 13:5](#) ESV / 609 helpful votes

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

[Luke 12:15](#) ESV / 537 helpful votes

And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

[1 Corinthians 6:9-11](#) ESV / 391 helpful votes

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

[Proverbs 11:24](#) ESV / 373 helpful votes

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

[Proverbs 15:27](#) ESV / 372 helpful votes

Whoever is greedy for unjust gain troubles his own household, but he who hates bribes will live.

[Matthew 6:24](#) ESV / 358 helpful votes

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

[1 John 2:16](#) ESV / 327 helpful votes

For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world.

[Ecclesiastes 5:10](#) ESV / 269 helpful votes

He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.

[Proverbs 20:21](#) ESV / 229 helpful votes

An inheritance gained hastily in the beginning will not be blessed in the end.

[James 4:3](#) ESV / 228 helpful votes

You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

[James 5:1-6](#) ESV / 197 helpful votes

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. ...

[Colossians 3:5](#) ESV / 179 helpful votes

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

[Psalm 10:3](#) ESV / 166 helpful votes

For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul, and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD.

[Matthew 6:33](#) ESV / 154 helpful votes

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

[John 12:6](#) ESV / 146 helpful votes

He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it.

[Jeremiah 6:13](#) ESV / 138 helpful votes

"For from the least to the greatest of them, everyone is greedy for unjust gain; and from prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely.

[Ephesians 5:5](#) ESV / 137 helpful votes

For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

[2 Peter 2:3](#) ESV / 118 helpful votes

And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

[Proverbs 28:22](#) ESV / 118 helpful votes

A stingy man hastens after wealth and does not know that poverty will come upon him.

[Proverbs 13:11](#) ESV / 117 helpful votes

Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it.

[1 Thessalonians 2:5](#) ESV / 116 helpful votes

For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness.

[2 Peter 2:14](#) ESV / 103 helpful votes

They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children!

[Ephesians 5:3](#) ESV / 88 helpful votes

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.

[1 Corinthians 5:11](#) ESV / 88 helpful votes

But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.

[Matthew 23:25](#) ESV / 85 helpful votes

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

[Matthew 19:21](#) ESV / 84 helpful votes

Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

[Proverbs 11:6](#) ESV / 83 helpful votes

The righteousness of the upright delivers them, but the treacherous are taken captive by their lust.

[Philippians 4:6](#) ESV / 78 helpful votes

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

[Mark 7:20-23](#) ESV / 77 helpful votes

And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

[Matthew 13:44](#) ESV / 76 helpful votes

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

[1 Corinthians 6:10](#) ESV / 74 helpful votes

Nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

[Mark 8:36](#) ESV / 73 helpful votes

For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

[Romans 1:29](#) ESV / 64 helpful votes

They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,

[Proverbs 21:26](#) ESV / 59 helpful votes

All day long he craves and craves, but the righteous gives and does not hold back.

[Proverbs 23:4](#) ESV / 57 helpful votes

Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist.

[Proverbs 22:1](#) ESV / 57 helpful votes

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

[Isaiah 56:11](#) ESV / 55 helpful votes

The dogs have a mighty appetite; they never have enough. But they are shepherds who have no understanding; they have all turned to their own way, each to his own gain, one and all.

[Proverbs 1:1-33](#) ESV / 55 helpful votes

The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel: To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth — Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, ...

[Titus 1:7](#) ESV / 54 helpful votes

For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain,

[Proverbs 1:19](#) ESV / 54 helpful votes

Such are the ways of everyone who is greedy for unjust gain; it takes away the life of its possessors.

[Proverbs 11:28](#) ESV / 53 helpful votes

Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

[1 Peter 5:2](#) ESV / 51 helpful votes

Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly;

[Galatians 5:19-21](#) ESV / 51 helpful votes

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

[Proverbs 28:20](#) ESV / 50 helpful votes

A faithful man will abound with blessings, but whoever hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

[1 Timothy 6:6](#) ESV / 49 helpful votes

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment,

[Mark 7:22](#) ESV / 49 helpful votes

Coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.

[1 Timothy 6:17-19](#) ESV / 48 helpful votes

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

[Matthew 6:21](#) ESV / 48 helpful votes

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

[Proverbs 22:9](#) ESV / 48 helpful votes

Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

[Proverbs 21:5](#) ESV / 48 helpful votes

The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.

[Ezekiel 33:31](#) ESV / 47 helpful votes

And they come to you as people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear what you say but they will not do it; for with lustful talk in their mouths they act; their heart is set on their gain.

[Psalms 119:36](#) ESV / 47 helpful votes

Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!

[2 Peter 2:1-22](#) ESV / 46 helpful votes

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep. For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; ...

[Proverbs 22:16-17](#) ESV / 45 helpful votes

Whoever oppresses the poor to increase his own wealth, or gives to the rich, will only come to poverty. Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge,

[Luke 11:39](#) ESV / 44 helpful votes

And the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness.

[Malachi 3:10](#) ESV / 43 helpful votes

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

[2 Corinthians 9:7](#) ESV / 41 helpful votes

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

[Ezekiel 16:27](#) ESV / 41 helpful votes

Behold, therefore, I stretched out my hand against you and diminished your allotted portion and delivered you to the greed of your enemies, the daughters of the Philistines, who were ashamed of your lewd behavior.

[Proverbs 14:31](#) ESV / 41 helpful votes

Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

[Psalms 37:21](#) ESV / 41 helpful votes

The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives;

[Philippians 4:11-12](#) ESV / 40 helpful votes

Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.

[Jeremiah 5:26-29](#) ESV / 40 helpful votes

For wicked men are found among my people; they lurk like fowls lying in wait. They set a trap; they catch men. Like a cage full of birds, their houses are full of deceit; therefore they have become great and rich; they have grown fat and sleek. They know no bounds in deeds of evil; they judge not with justice the cause of the fatherless, to make it prosper, and they do not defend the rights of the needy. Shall I not punish them for these things? declares the LORD, and shall I not avenge myself on a nation such as this?"

[Ephesians 5:3-5](#) ESV / 39 helpful votes

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

[1 Corinthians 3:11](#) ESV / 39 helpful votes

For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

[Luke 6:31](#) ESV / 39 helpful votes

And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

[Exodus 20:17](#) ESV / 39 helpful votes

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

[Isaiah 57:17](#) ESV / 38 helpful votes

Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry, I struck him; I hid my face and was angry, but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart.

[Psalm 62:10](#) ESV / 38 helpful votes

Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

[Luke 12:1-59](#) ESV / 37 helpful votes

In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or

hidden that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops. "I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! ...

[Jude 1:11](#) ESV / 35 helpful votes

Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion.

[Luke 16:14](#) ESV / 35 helpful votes

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him.

[Proverbs 1:12-13](#) ESV / 35 helpful votes

Like Sheol let us swallow them alive, and whole, like those who go down to the pit; we shall find all precious goods, we shall fill our houses with plunder;

[Ezekiel 22:12](#) ESV / 34 helpful votes

In you they take bribes to shed blood; you take interest and profit and make gain of your neighbors by extortion; but me you have forgotten, declares the Lord GOD.

[Exodus 20:11-18](#) ESV / 34 helpful votes

For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. "You shall not murder. "You shall not commit adultery. "You shall not steal. ...

[Matthew 6:19-20](#) ESV / 33 helpful votes

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

[Joshua 7:21](#) ESV / 33 helpful votes

When I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I coveted them and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath."

[Ephesians 4:18-19](#) ESV / 31 helpful votes

They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

[Matthew 13:22](#) ESV / 31 helpful votes

As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

[Jeremiah 8:10](#) ESV / 30 helpful votes

Therefore I will give their wives to others and their fields to conquerors, because from the least to the greatest everyone is greedy for unjust gain; from prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely.

[James 5:1](#) ESV / 29 helpful votes

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[Proverbs 28:25-28](#) ESV / 29 helpful votes

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[1 John 2:15-17](#) ESV / 28 helpful votes

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

[1 Peter 5:2-3](#) ESV / 28 helpful votes

Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

[2 Timothy 3:2](#) ESV / 28 helpful votes

For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

[Luke 12:13-34](#) ESV / 28 helpful votes

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ...

[Habakkuk 2:5](#) ESV / 27 helpful votes

"Moreover, wine is a traitor, an arrogant man who is never at rest. His greed is as wide as Sheol; like death he has never enough. He gathers for himself all nations and collects as his own all peoples."

[1 Timothy 6:17-18](#) ESV / 26 helpful votes

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,

[1 Timothy 6:9-10](#) ESV / 25 helpful votes

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

[1 Timothy 6:6-10](#) ESV / 25 helpful votes

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

[1 Timothy 3:8](#) ESV / 24 helpful votes

Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain.

[1 Timothy 3:2-3](#) ESV / 24 helpful votes

Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.

[Psalms 23:1-6](#) ESV / 24 helpful votes

A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ...

[Philippians 4:11-13](#) ESV / 23 helpful votes

Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

[1 Corinthians 4:11-13](#) ESV / 22 helpful votes

To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things.

[Romans 13:6](#) ESV / 22 helpful votes

For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.

[Acts 20:35](#) ESV / 22 helpful votes

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

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